

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Page 1, line 1, please insert the following:

-- CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATION:

This application is a continuation of U.S. Application Serial No. 09/356,250, filed July 16, 1999, by A. J. Paul Carew, Ronald D. Lutz, Jr., and Brendon W. Mills and entitled "Method and Apparatus for Providing Voice Signals to and from a Telecommunications Switch," pending.--

IN THE CLAIMS

For the convenience of the Examiner, all pending claims are shown below whether or not an amendment has been made. Please amend the claims as follows:

Please cancel Claims 1-35 and add the following new claims therefor:

36. (New) A system for supporting oversubscription, comprising:
a telecommunications switch operable to assign a plurality of telephone numbers to a line, to receive an incoming call for one of the telephone numbers, and to communicate the incoming call associated with the telephone number using the line; and
a voice gateway coupled to the telecommunications switch using the line, the voice gateway operable to receive the incoming call, to detect a distinctive ring, and to communicate the incoming call according to the distinctive ring.

37. (New) The system of Claim 36, wherein the voice gateway communicates the incoming call by processing the incoming call into digital packets according to the distinctive ring and communicating the digital packets to a customer premises interface for further communication to a customer premises.

38. (New) The system of Claim 37, wherein the voice gateway processes the incoming call into the digital packets according to the distinctive ring by identifying an address associated with the distinctive ring and assigning the address to the digital packets.